

independent and distinct; and (2) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. See MPEP § 803. Applicant contends that searching the allegedly distinct inventions of Groups I, II and III would not place a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required.

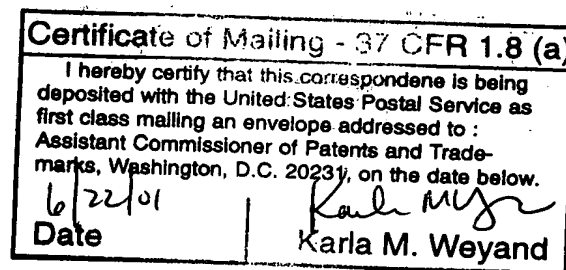
In view of the foregoing, applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix:

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said contacting is carried out with fibrinogen prepared by a process comprising:
precipitating plasma with glycine to produce a first precipitate and a first supernatant;
precipitating the first supernatant by adding glycine to the first supernatant to produce a second precipitate and a second supernatant;
dissolving the second precipitate in a buffer to produce a first solution;
precipitating the first solution by adding glycine to the first solution to produce a third precipitate and a third supernatant;
dissolving the third precipitate in a buffer to produce a second solution; and
precipitating the second solution by adding ammonium sulfate to the second solution to produce a third precipitate and a third supernatant.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 16, wherein the lipid rich component is [precipitated] separated from the third supernatant.